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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and response to the Office Action of December 18, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments and Response to the Restriction Requirement begin on page 7 of this paper.